

REMARKS

Claims 22-27 are pending in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. The specification was simply amended to indicate the oligonucleotide sequences referred to on page 21 of the application at lines 13 and 14 correspond to SEQ. ID 1 and SEQ. ID 2, respectively. A Sequence Listing is submitted concurrently herewith. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment to the specification.


CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants respectfully request a telephonic or in-person interview with the undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues and to expedite the eventual allowance of the claims.

No fees are believed to be required for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge those fees to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP deposit account no. 50-0310.

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Respectfully submitted,



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